

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 3 have been objected to due to informalities. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended accordingly.

Claims 1-2 and 5-11 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Eloranta. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The invention relates to a mobile radio terminal 1 of a subscriber 2 to be connected to a mobile radio terminal 3 of a subscriber 4 via a telecommunications connection 6 routed via a telecommunications network 5. In this case, an identification detail (for example, relating to the international mobile subscriber (IMSI) and/or the mobile station equipment (IMEI) and/or an e-mail address) originating from a subscriber terminal is compared on setup of the telecommunications connection 6 (or alternatively transferred on transmission of data packets over the telecommunications connection 6) by equipment 7 or by equipment 8 connected to it by comparison and decision equipment 8 with a list 10, 11, 12 of identification detail abbreviations stored in a memory 9 in order to establish whether at least one of the subscribers makes an interception of the telecommunications connection necessary. To this end, a check is made as to whether the identification detail relating to a subscriber is contained in an identification detail abbreviation 10, 11, 12 in the stored list 9. Referring to Figure 1, for example, a telephone number +49 172 89 12345 of a subscriber terminal 1 can be included in an identification detail abbreviation +49 172 89* ("*" stands for any given sequence) in the list 9, in which case the telecommunications connection 6 (with the terminal 1 of this subscriber 2) is monitored - for example in that a copy of data transmitted over the telecommunications connection 6 is transmitted over a connection 13 to an official intercepting center 14. Instead of a telephone number abbreviation, an identification detail abbreviation can also represent a part of an e-mail address of a subscriber 2, 4, especially for example the domain part of an e-mail address. Thus for example the identification detail abbreviation "@arcor.de" can contain an abbreviation of the identification detail "first name1.last name@arcor.de", "first name2.last name"@"arcor.de", "first name3.last name3@arcor.de", i.e. an abbreviation of all e-mail specifications containing "@arcor.de". When a telecommunication

connection is set up or on transmission of data over a telecommunications connection, identification details of one of the subscribers are transferred, the identification details relating to this subscriber or the other subscriber of the telecommunications connection can be compared by the comparison and decision equipment 8 with stored identification detail abbreviations in order to establish whether an identification detail 1 of a subscriber makes it necessary to intercept the telecommunications connection 6, and if necessary a transfer of a copy to an official intercepting center 14 can be initiated by equipment 7.

Eloranta discloses a system and method for collecting information on, and for monitoring a party in a communication network. The Examiner suggests that the applied reference uses identification information (MSISDN, IMEI, IMSI) relating to at least one mobile station 1 and checks whether a matching entry stored in database 5. While it is true that identification information (i.e. identifier data) is sent and stored in database 5, Eloranta fails to disclose storing abbreviated data relating to the subscriber which is monitored and stored in a list, as required by the claimed invention. To the contrary, and referring to Figure 1 of Eloranta and the corresponding disclosure, the reference clearly states that “gateway 3 stores this identification information [(not an abbreviated version of the identification information)] in the database 5. Thus, the database 5 finally stores a concordance list of correspondence between the identification information such as MSISDN-IMEI-IMSI for one or more parties to be monitored...and of receiving the identification information sent from the support node 2 or 6, and inputting same into the database in the proper position” (emphasis added).

Since the recited method and device are not disclosed by the applied prior art, claims 1-2 and 5-11 are patentable.

Claims 3-4 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Eloranta in view of Vogel. The rejection is respectfully traversed for the same reasons presented in the arguments above.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122082300.

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